

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE ON LIAISON RELATIONSHIPS
WITH FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS AND
FOREIGN SECURITY SERVICES ¹

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Pursuant to the provisions of the Director of Central Intelligence Directive on the Security Committee, policy on security classification is herewith established to guide representatives of U.S. departments, agencies, and military commands who conduct, supervise, or coordinate intelligence liaison with foreign intelligence and security services and international organizations.

1. The fact of broad, general intelligence cooperation with a country or group of countries with which the United States maintains formal military alliances or agreements (e.g., NATO) is unclassified.

2. The fact of intelligence cooperation between the United States and a specific governmental component in an allied country (see 1 above), or general description of the nature of intelligence cooperation between the United States and one of the foregoing parties is classified Confidential unless a higher classification or no classification is specified by mutual agreement with the government or organization concerned.

3. The fact of intelligence cooperation between the United States and specifically named foreign countries and governmental components thereof with which the United States is not allied is classified Secret unless a different classification is mutually agreed upon.

4. Details of or specifics concerning any intelligence liaison or exchange agreement will be classified according to content.

5. The identities (including name or title) of foreign governmental or military personnel who provide intelligence pursuant to such agreements or liaison relationships will be protected at the same level of classification which applies to the fact of the intelligence cooperation, or at such different level as may be mutually agreed upon.

6. Information classified in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5 above shall not be released to any component of either a foreign government or an international organization without the mutual agreement of the originating parties.

7. Information classified in accordance with this guidance shall be protected as specified in applicable Executive Order and may be declassified only in accordance with the mutual desires of the United States and the foreign government whose interests are involved.

¹ This guidance supersedes the DCID on this subject effective 18 January 1982. Nothing herein supersedes the guidance provided in the Signals Intelligence Security Regulations.

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8. This guidance does not apply to any liaison relationship that is concerned with U.S. internal functions, or with criminal or disciplinary matters that are not directly related to foreign intelligence.